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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

1. Erdöl und Kohle (No 9, September 1954, page 608) reports that according to Hungarian official accounts, oil has been discovered at Komló [approx 46°11'N - 18°15'E]. [REDACTED] oil has been discovered at Igal [approx 46°32'N - 17°55'E]. Both of these discoveries are described as important.

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2. MAORT personnel knew of oil shows in these areas and tested them before 1947. Several test drillings at these "show" locations did not produce satisfactory results. [REDACTED] these evidences of oil were not of real import

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3. Hungary and the USSR may discover new oil fields in Hungary because they appear to be doing considerable exploration and a great deal of drilling.

4. [REDACTED] this official communication is evidence that Hungary is desperately reworking areas discarded by MAORT in an effort to find even a small amount of oil. [REDACTED] these are exaggerated and misleading attempts to propagandize the world, to confuse the West, and to falsely magnify the extreme efficiency of the present Hungarian geology leadership for local Hungarian propaganda purposes.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch Showing Hungarian Oil Exploration Discoveries by MAORT Before 1947

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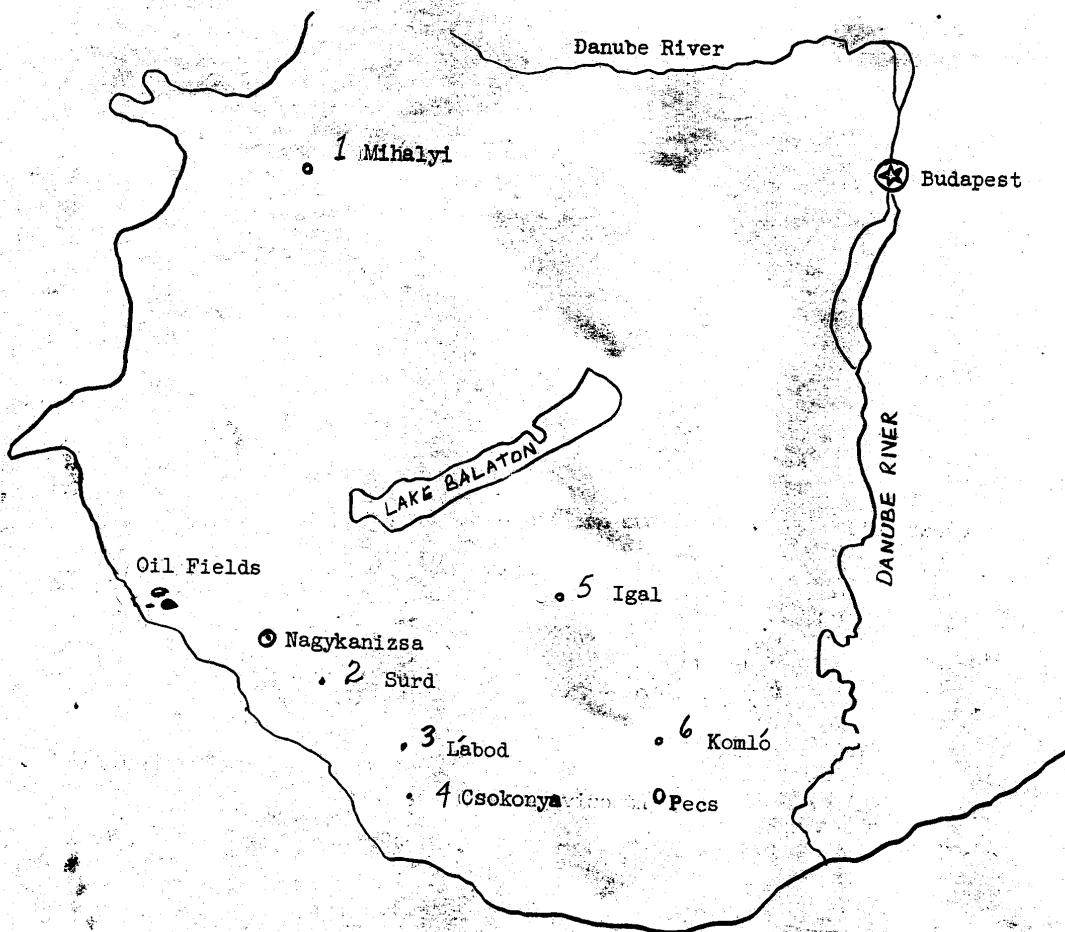
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SKETCH SHOWING HUNGARIAN OIL EXPLORATION DISCOVERIES BY MAORT BEFORE 1947



HUNGARIAN OIL EXPLORATION DISCOVERIES BY MAORT BEFORE 1947

1. Mihalyi [47°31'N - 17°06'E]. CO₂ gas was discovered.
2. Surd [approx 46°19'N - 16°58'E]. Only oil show (emulsion) was discovered.
3. Labod [approx 46°12'N - 17°27'E]. A weak oil show was found.
4. Csokonya [approx 46°05'N - 17°26'E]. Only gas with hot water was found.
5. Igal [approx 46°32'N - 17°56'E]. [redacted] oil has been found here in 1953-1954. This was a gravity maximum area but appeared to be very unlikely to contain much oil.
6. Komló [approx 46°11'N - 18°15'E]. Oil show had been discovered.

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